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SUBJ: FORGERY ALLEGES CIA SUPPORT OF RIGHT WING IN THAILAND

1. A FOREGED ARTICLE ALLEGING CIA SUPPORT OF TWO RIGHT-WING GROUPS IN THAILAND HAS GAINED NEWSPAPER ATTENTION AND COMMENT HERE.

2. AMERICAN NEWSMAN GAVE EMBASSY COPY OF THE "ARTICLE." HE SAID HE WAS INFORMED THAT COPIES OF THE "ARTICLE" WERE MAILED BY A THAI FROM NEW YORK TO SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS AND STUDENT GROUPS IN BANGKOK. THE "ARTICLE" IS APPARENTLY FROM A MOCK NEWSPAPER OF THE SORT COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE IN THE U.S. IT IS FROM "STAR TRIBUNE--- LOCATION NOT IDENTIFIED-- WITH BYLINE "JOHN RUSKIN- AND DATELINE WASHINGTON. TEXT FOLLOWS.

3. QTE THE ROLE OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IS TILL GOING STRONG ABROAD DESPITE FACING WIDE CRITICISM AT HOME. THE AGENCY RECENTLY SPENT 12.5 MILLION DOLLARS AT A COST TO RETAIN THE U.S. FEET IN THAILAND, AN INFORMED GOVERNMENT SOURCE REVEALED HERE. THE CIA HAS GIVEN 12.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO SUPPORT A NEW ORGANIZATION NAMED NAWAPOL AND A MILITANT GROUP OF VOCATIONAL STUDENTS WHO CALL THEMSELVES THE "RED BULLS". THESE TWO GROUPS WERE FOUNDED WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE CIA AND THAI OFFICIALS AGAINST THE MOVEMENT MF THA PEOPLE INCLUDING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WHO HAVE STRONG ANTI-U.S. ACTIVITIES. NOW, INCIDENTS OF PROTEST AGAINST THE U.S. INCREASING IN THAILAND. THE EXHIBITIONS OF SO-CALLED

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"ANTI-AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS" WAS SHOWN ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WITH

A BIG CAMPAIGN FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF TEN U.S. BASES IN THAILAND. THUS, THE NAWAPOL PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THAILAND. AT A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON THE CIA ACTIVITIES., WILLIAM COOLIDGE, AN AGENCY POLITICAL SPECIALIST, TESTIFIED THAT THE NAWAPOL PROJECT BEGAN WITH THE SUGGESTION OF MR. WATANA KIEWVIMOL, A FORMER THAI STUDENT IN THE U.S. MR. KIEWVIMOL, NOW HEAD OF NAWAPOL OPERATIONS HAD IN THE PAST CORRESPONDED WITH SEVERAL TOP OFFICIALS IN BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. BESIDES, ON MANY OCCASIONS MR. KIEWVIMOL OFFERED VARIOUS PROGRAMS TO THE CIA IN ORDER TO STOP THE COMMUNIST INFILTRATIONS IN THAILAND. ONE OF HIS PROJECTS WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED AND FINALLY ACCEPTED. MR. WATAN KIEWVIMOL HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED AND ASSURED BY A WELL-KNOWN THAI GENERAL. HIS NAME IS SAIYUD KERDPOL, CHIEF OF THE COMMUNIST SUPPRESSION OPERATION COMMAND. WITH MONEY, THE PROJECT WAS SET UP ON THE TABLE OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY SESSION IN A FIVE-STORY YELLOW BUILDING AT 1ST AND M ST SE, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE BUILDING IS THE MAIN CIA OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON, BESIDES THE HEADQUARTERS AT LANGLEY, VIRGINIA. THE ORIGINAL AIM OF NAWAPOL WAS MERELY TO COUNTERATTACK THE COMMUNIST PROPAGAND. HOWEVER, SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF FIELD MARCHAL THANOM KITTIKACHORN, PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND, IN OCTOBER 1973, THE NAWAPOL'S ROLE HAS BEEN REVISED. ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR THIS IS THAT THE GROWTH OF ANTI-U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE AMONG THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IS ON THE RISE. NOW CONFRONTATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE AMONG THAI PEOPLE, THOSE PRO AND CON THE U.S. THE SITUATION IS GETTING HOTTER AND WILDER. THE 7S. EMBASSY IN BANGKOK STRICTLY ORDERED ALL AMERICANS TO KEEP AWAY FROM ANY THAI DEMONSTRATIONS. IT SEEMS THAT A NEW AMBASSADOR, CHARLESS. WHOTEHOUSE, STILL HAS SMALL ROLE. THE MAN WHO WORKS MORE IS EDEARD E. MASTERS, A DEPUTY AMBASSADOR. MOST OF THE INSTRUCTIONS CAME FROM THE CIA OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE U.S. EMBASSY BUILDING IN BANGKOK AS DID THOSE IN SAIGON, BEFORE THE EVACUATION IN APRIL. THE CIA SPENT 12.5 MILLION DOLLRS FOR NAWAPOL AS WELL AS THE OTHER PRO-U.S. GROUPS IN THAILAND, COOLEGE SAID. THE MONEY PAID TO TEM CAME FROM THAI GENERALS WHOSE LOYALTY THE U.S. ALSO BOUGHT WITH A BIG REARD. IT IS THE BEST WAY TO DISTORT THE PEOPLE'S THINKING THAT THE HONEY IS FROM A THAI GOVERNME T BUDGET. HOWEVER, SOME WEALTHY PEOPLE ALONG WITH KING BHUMIPOL TURNED ON THE GREEN LIGHT, ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO STAND OPPOSITE AND AGAINST THE ANTI-U.S. MOVEMENT. SO FAR, THE CIA PLAYS THE BIGGEST ROLE IN SUPPORT OF NAWAPOL, WITH 12.5 MILLION DOLLARS. FOR MR. KIEWVIMOL ALONE, WILLIAM COOLIDGE DISCLOSED THAT THE AGENCY HAS GIVEN \$4,000 DOLLARS A MONTH, HALF OF THE AMOUNT BEING DEPOSITED FOR HIM IN A NEW YORK BANK. IT IS AT BEST BUY HIS TAKS TO PROTECT THE U.. STRONGHOLD IN THAILAND. A GROUP OF VOCATIONAL STUDENTS, THE RED BULLS, AND

THE OTHER PRO-U.S. GROUPS ALONG WITH SOME THAI MEDIA AS WELL
THAT GET SUBSIDIES FROM THE AGENCY. UNQUOTE

4. LEFTIST THAI-LANGUAGE PRACHACHAT SUMMARIZED RUSKIN'S "ARTICLE"
AS SERIOUS NEWS STORY AND COMMENTED EDITORIALLY: "WHILE STUDENTS
AND THE PEOPLE ARE JOINTLY STRUGGLING AGAINST EXPLOITATION OF OUR
NATURAL RESOURCES, OR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, PARTICULARLY LABORERS,
FARMERS AND STUDENTS, ARE BEING MURDERED ONE BY ONE. ARE
THESE BRUTAL ACTIONS NOT THOSE OF PERSONS HIRED BY THE CIA TO
KILL THAIS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE U.S.? AND THESE ACTIONS ARE
CARRIED ON BY MOVEMENTS WHICH CLAIM THEY CHERISH OUR NATIONS,
RELIGION AND THE MONARCHY. THE CIA WILL OVERTHROW ANY NATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING RELIGION AND THE MONARCHY, ONLY FOR THE
SAKE OF THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES."

5. WE HAVE RESPONDED TO PRESS QUERIES THAT THE JOHN RUSKIN
"ARTICLE" IS AN OBVIOUS FORGERY.

6. USE OF NAMES JOHN RUSKIN AND WILLIAM COOLEGE AS PHONY AS
"ARTICLE." RUSKIN OF COURSE, WAS FAMED BRITISH ESSAYIST.
COOLIDGE INVENTED X-RAY TUBE. HOWEVER, IF BY COINCIDENT A
WILLIAM COOLIDGE DID INDEED APPEAR BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEE ON CIA ACTIVITIES, PLEASE INFORM US SUBSTANCE OF
HIS TESTIMONY.

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